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Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Guilford and Mr. Guveyan:

Due to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina and its effect on national fuel supplies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has issued a waiver authorizing the early introduction of wintertime gasoline used throughout the State of Connecticut. As you know, an existing Connecticut State Regulation limits the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) of gasoline to 9.0 pounds per square inch until September 15, 2005.

As I stated in our meeting of September 2, 2005, the Department will take necessary steps to effectuate this waiver for the time and to the extent that this standard impedes the supply of gasoline to our state. I have examined the timetable for promulgating an emergency regulation to waive the RVP requirement and have determined that even under the most optimistic of time frames, an emergency regulation would not be effective until September 16, 2005. As such, I intend to utilize my enforcement discretion and forbear from enforcing the RVP standard set forth in Section 22a-174-20(a)(5) from today, September 6, 2005 through September 15, 2005.

If you have any questions or require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at 424-3027.

Yours truly,

Gina McCarthy
Commissioner

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